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DEVICE FOR COMPENSATING RELATIVE VERTICAL DISPLACEMENTS RETWEEN GROUND SURFACES AND SEALING MECHANISMS WITH A FRAME, FOR BUILT-IN STRICTURES, AND AUXILIARY DEVICE FOR THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner acknowledges claim of priority, however, he states that no copy of the priority document A 725/99 has been received. However, since this application is based on a PCT application, the priority document was transmitted by the International Office.

II. is respectfully requested that receipt of the priority document be acknowledged.

The undersigned also was informed by PCT Special Program Examiner, Diana Olceka, that she will mail a copy of the priority document to the Examiner.

> Respectfully submitted, EGON HAAR ET AL

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